AIDS disease in the country

3999. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether three lakh people died of AIDS in the country in 1999 and about 50 lakh pleople in the country are afflicted with dreaded disease;

(b) if so, whether Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh are the worst affected by AIDS;

(c) if so, whether any concrete steps are being worked out to check AIDS which is spreading in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA).: (a) to (d) No, Sir. There were 3.7 million HIV infections estimated in the country 1999. Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh are among six States which are worst affected by AIDS in the country.

In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, a Comprehensive Programme is currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme. The main components consist of:—

* Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counseling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

* Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counseling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.

* Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections home and community based care.

Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.

CGHS Facility to daily wage/temporary/co-terminus employees

4000. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether daily wage/temporary/co-terminus employees working in Central Government Offices are entitled to CGHS facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Casual workers engaged on daily wage basis are not eligible for CGHS facilities since they are not Central Govt. servants. The employees who have been appointed either on temporary or co-terminus basis and drawing their salaries from the Central Government are extended CGHS facilities provided their place of residence falls in an area covered by a CGHS dispensary.

Replacement of FWP by CNAA

4001. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Family Welfare Programme has been replaced by Community Needs Assessment Approach (CNAA);

(b) if so, the difference between the two programmes; and

(c) the success of achievement of CNAA over and above the FWP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) No, Sir. In fact, Community Needs Assessment Approach (CNAA) has been adopted since Ist April, 1996 for implementation of Family Welfare Programme emphasizing on quality of case. Under this approach, the people's needs for family welfare services are to be assessed in consultation with the community at grass-root level.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.